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10 A MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW  
12 MEXICO, CENTRAL NEW MEXICO COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THE ALBUQUERQUE  
13 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE UNIDOS PROJECT TO STUDY THE  
14 FEASIBILITY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TWELVE-MONTH PILOT  
15 PROGRAM THAT WOULD USE A BUS AND A FACILITY TO PROMOTE FREE  
16 EDUCATIONAL AND COLLEGE RESOURCES THAT PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL AND  
17 CAREER PATHWAYS AND OPTIONS TO NEW MEXICO STUDENTS.

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19 WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for New Mexico's youth was  
20 twenty-three and seven-tenths percent in 2014, the eighth-  
21 highest among states and well above the national average of  
22 nineteen and five-tenths percent, according to the workforce  
23 solutions department; and

24 WHEREAS, enrollment in New Mexico higher education  
25 institutions has recently begun to decline; and

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1           WHEREAS, possessing a college degree is important for  
2           accessing economic opportunities and for the improvement of the  
3           economy in New Mexico; and

4           WHEREAS, understanding the application process, financial  
5           aid and the options for study provided by universities and  
6           colleges is integral to the educational decision-making process  
7           of students; and

8           WHEREAS, providing a one-stop-shop concept for college  
9           access, advice, guidance and workshops for students in middle  
10          school, high school and college and for adults and other  
11          interested persons would be beneficial, and its feasibility  
12          should be studied; and

13          WHEREAS, a feasibility study could specifically include  
14          exploration of the possibility of implementing a twelve-month  
15          pilot program to provide free educational and college resources  
16          from a bus that would have access to school sites, events and  
17          fairs; and

18          WHEREAS, a pilot program could promote:

19                A.   exploration of post-secondary educational  
20                options and admissions to post-secondary educational  
21                institutions;

22                B.   setting goals for college study or the  
23                completion of post-secondary educational certificates;

24                C.   career exploration and development;

25                D.   financial aid awareness, planning and coaching;

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1           E. transitional support for students moving from  
2 high school to post-secondary educational institutions and for  
3 students transferring from two-year to four-year post-secondary  
4 institutions;

5           F. re-engagement of students who have dropped out  
6 of high school or stopped attending college classes; and

7           G. support for families to assist students toward  
8 success in high school or at the college level; and

9           WHEREAS, a study could further consider the allocation of  
10 space and support for overall management for the program;  
11 acquisition of a bus for the program; acquisition and location  
12 of a facility for the program; staffing; training; outreach;  
13 and other issues pertinent to the program's implementation;

14           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE  
15 OF NEW MEXICO that the city of Albuquerque, the university of  
16 New Mexico, central New Mexico community college, the  
17 Albuquerque public school district and the unidos project be  
18 requested to study the feasibility of the implementation of a  
19 twelve-month pilot program that would use a bus and a facility  
20 to promote free access to educational and college resources  
21 that provide educational and career pathways and options to New  
22 Mexico students; and

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study group be requested  
24 to report its findings and conclusions to the legislative  
25 education study committee by November 1, 2016; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
2 transmitted to the mayor of the city of Albuquerque, the  
3 president of the university of New Mexico, the president of  
4 central New Mexico community college, the secretary of public  
5 education, the project director of the unidos project and the  
6 chair and vice chair of the legislative education study  
7 committee.